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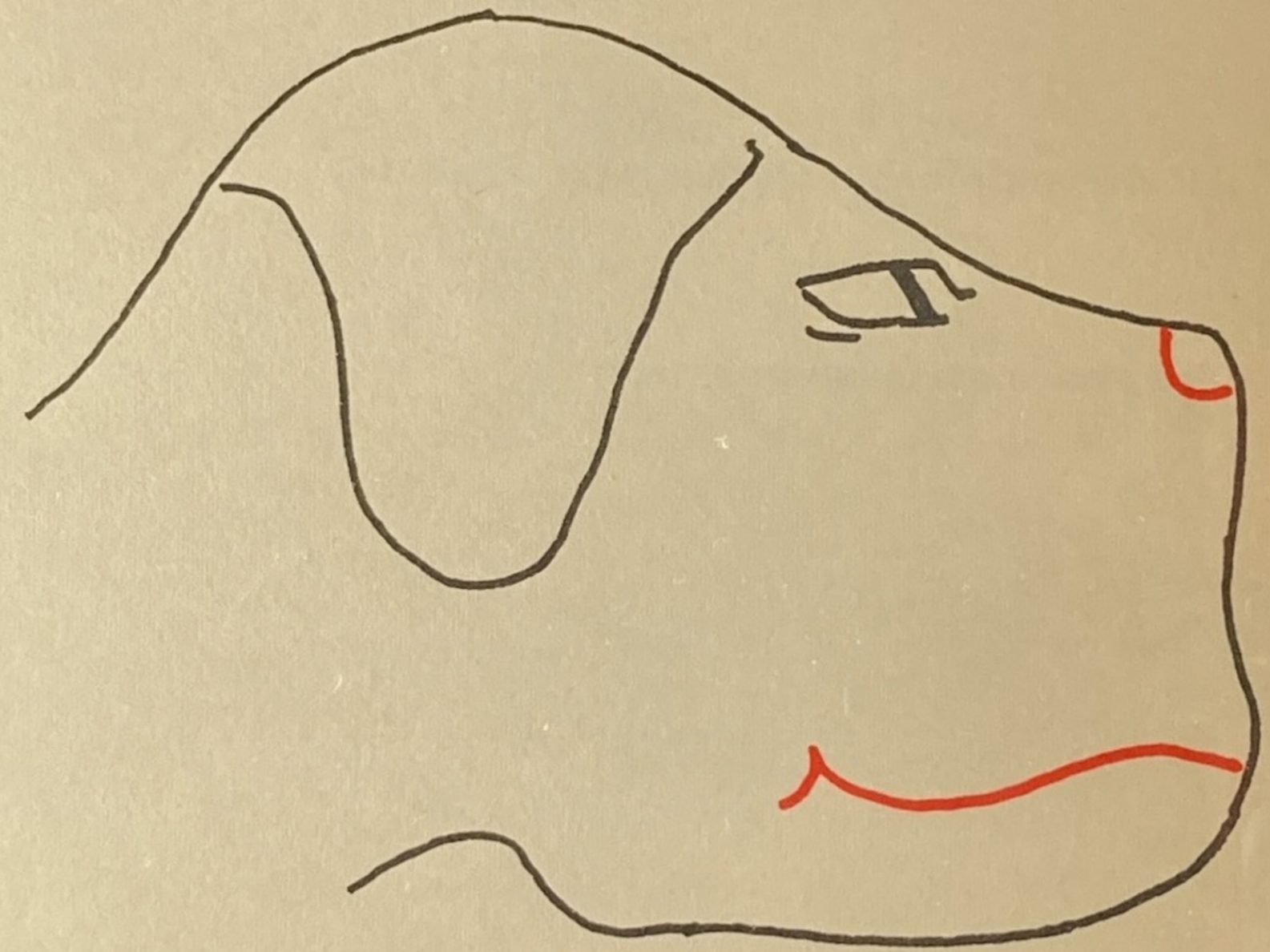
Since this book consists entirely of prefaces, we might as well begin here. All of the statements of theorems which I call "Stupidtheorems" are provable, i.e. consistent with my postulates. There are contrary cases in which the postulates do not allow the stated theorem, in which case it does not really exist. If you find that statement bothersome, try the one on the next page.

All the statements on this page are false.

The above statement is true.



S 1 : : The probability of predicting correctly in total ignorance is zero.

Corollary : : The probability of predicting correctly while in a partition of total ignorance is zero.

S 1 : : (1) : : The probability of doing something new and being understood is zero.

(1) Is used as an operator meaning "Twisted".

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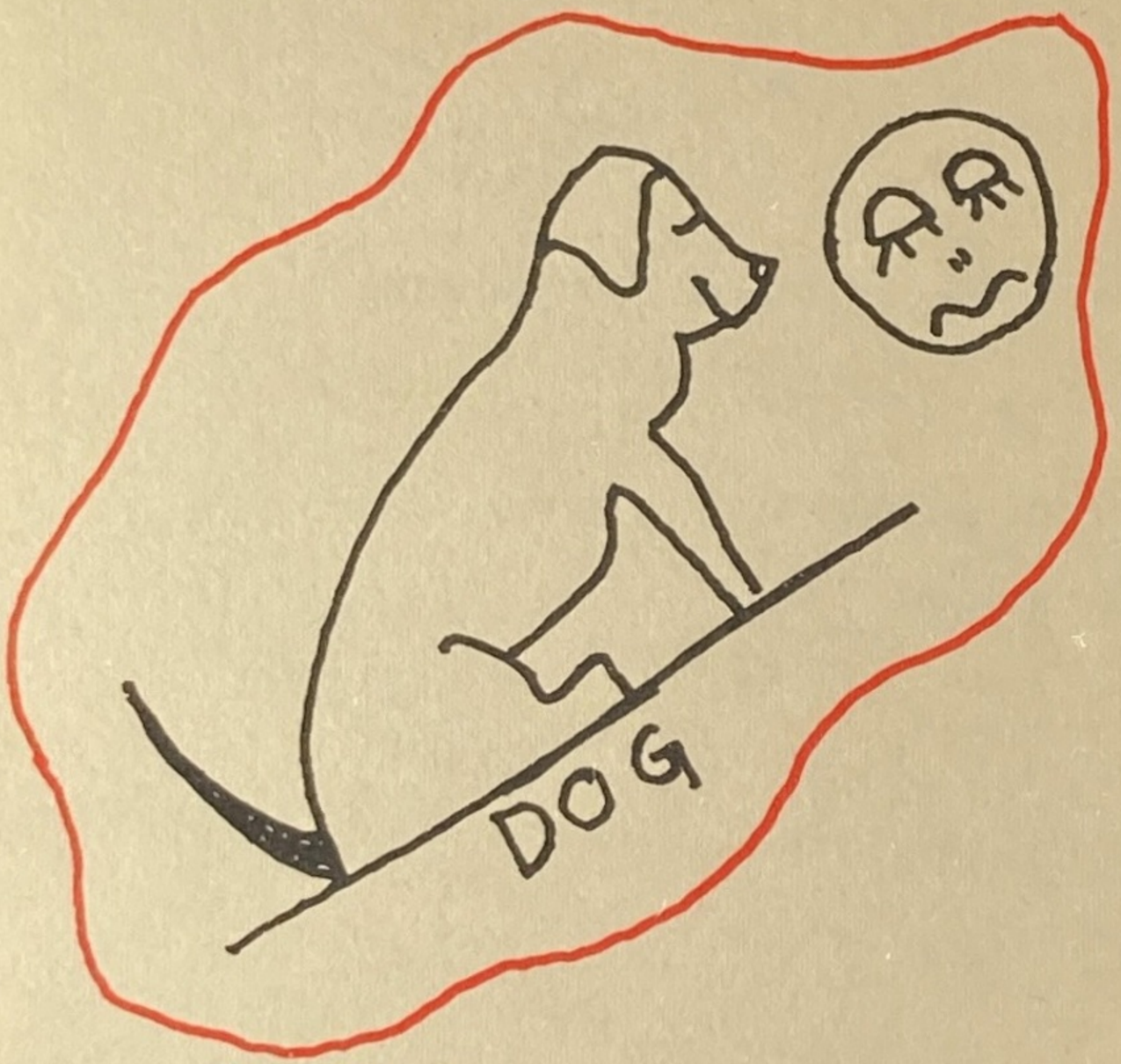
S 2 : : The only thing you can learn is something you don't know.

Corollary : : Only from a state of ignorance can information be gained.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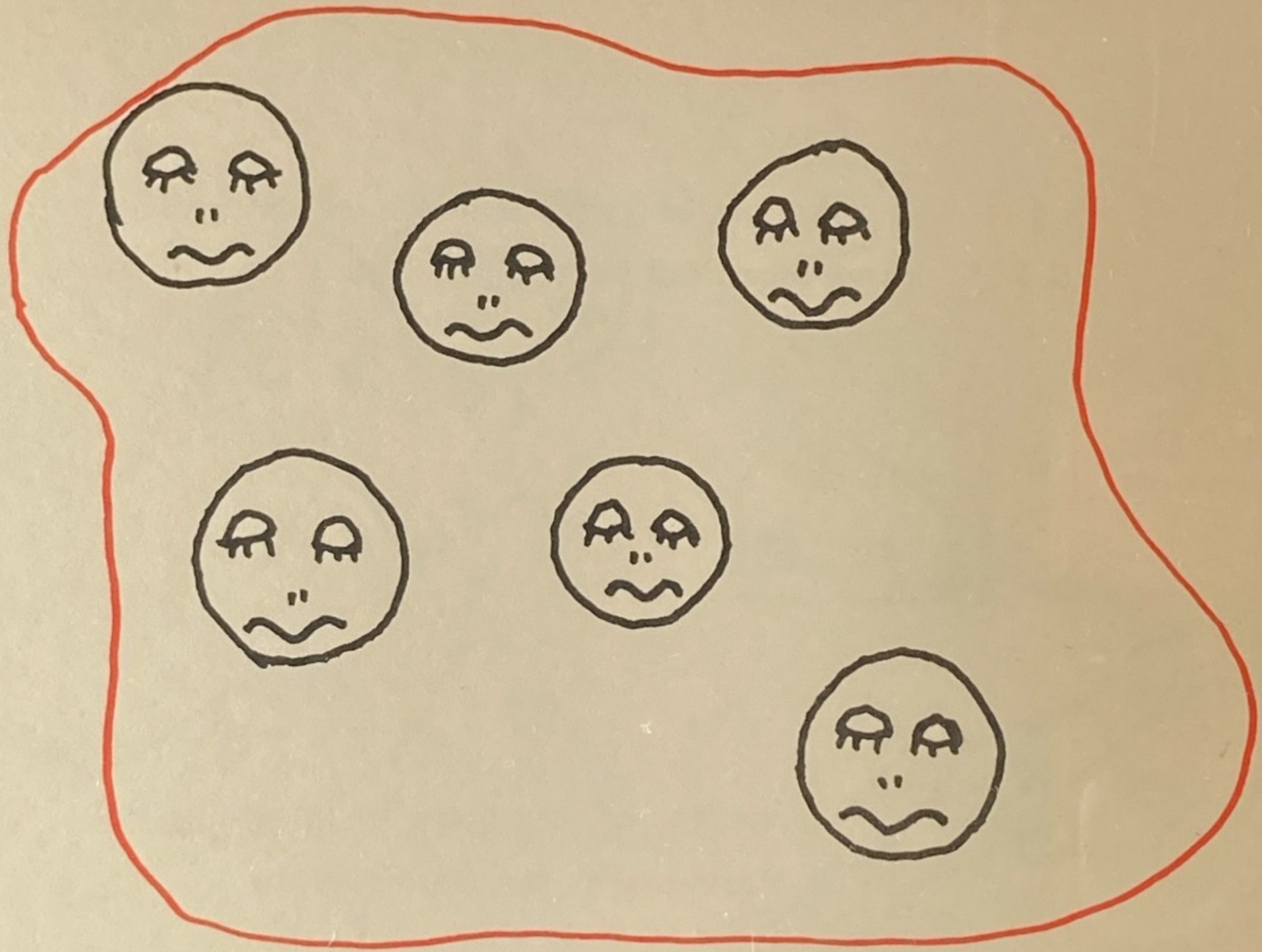
S 3 : : A complete in-group knows everything there is to know. (2)

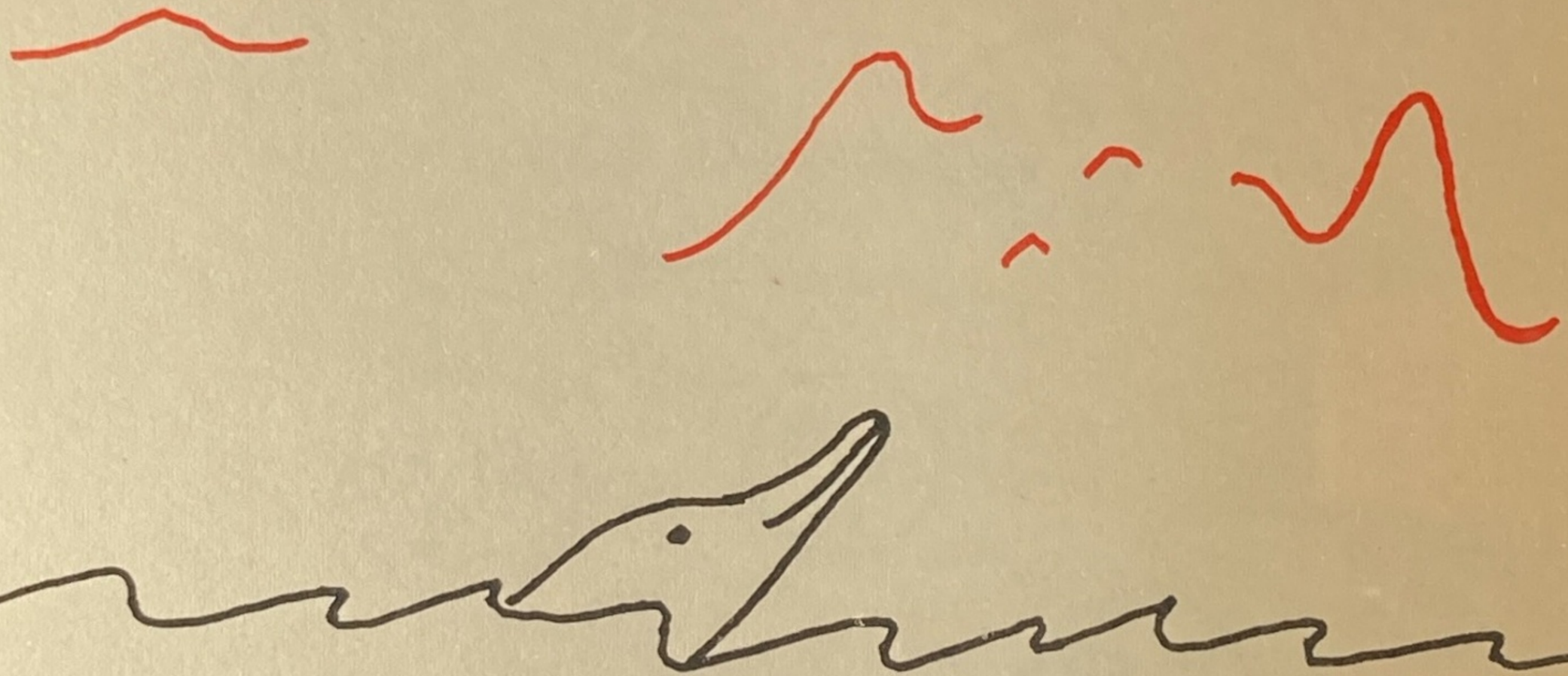
(2) For it.

Footnote: The condition of complete in-group applied to an individual is termed "closure".



S 4 : : The complete in-group has only one member. (3)

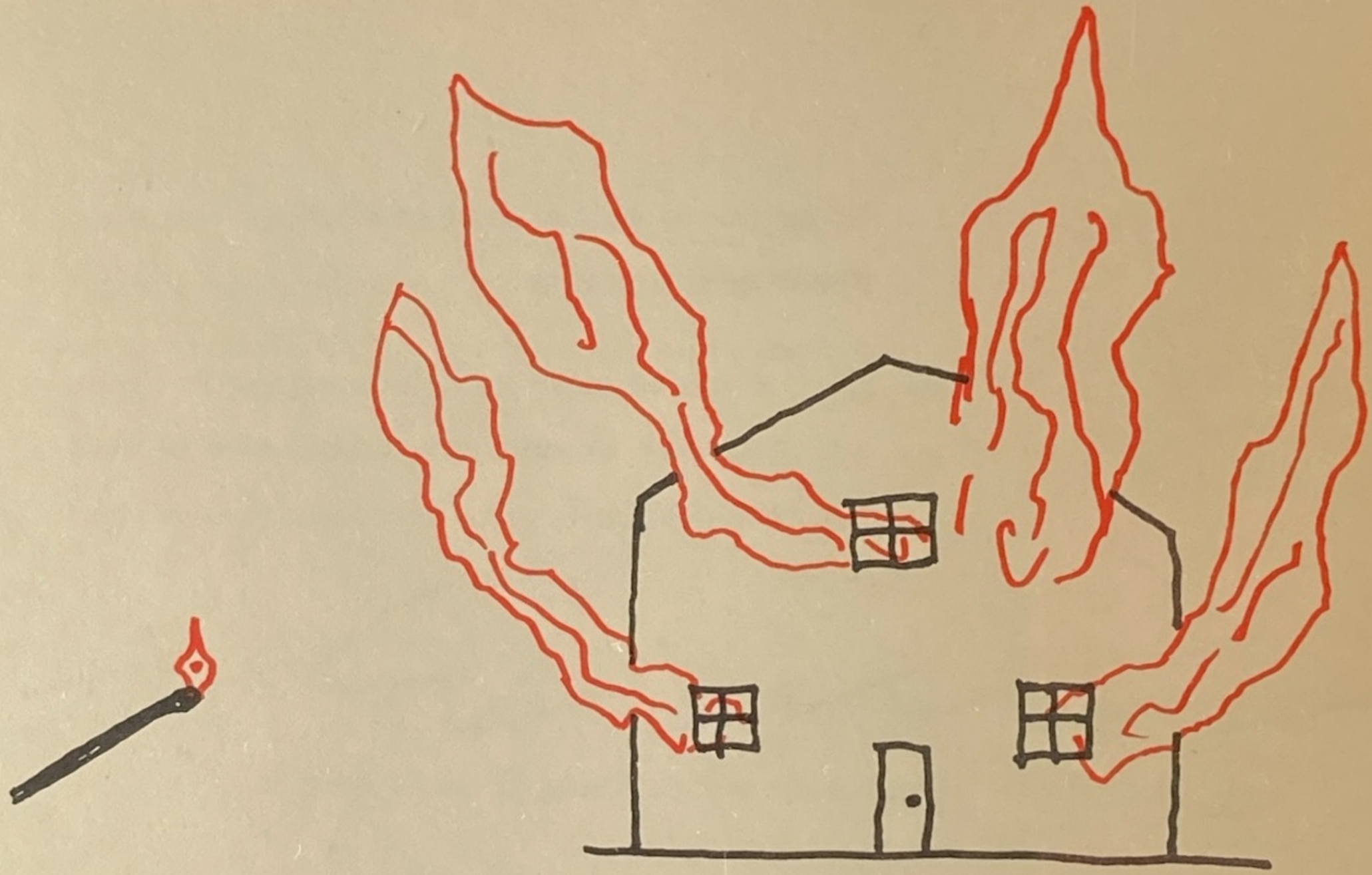
(3) Although the member may have many representatives.



S 5 : : In order to tell a man something you must speak his language.

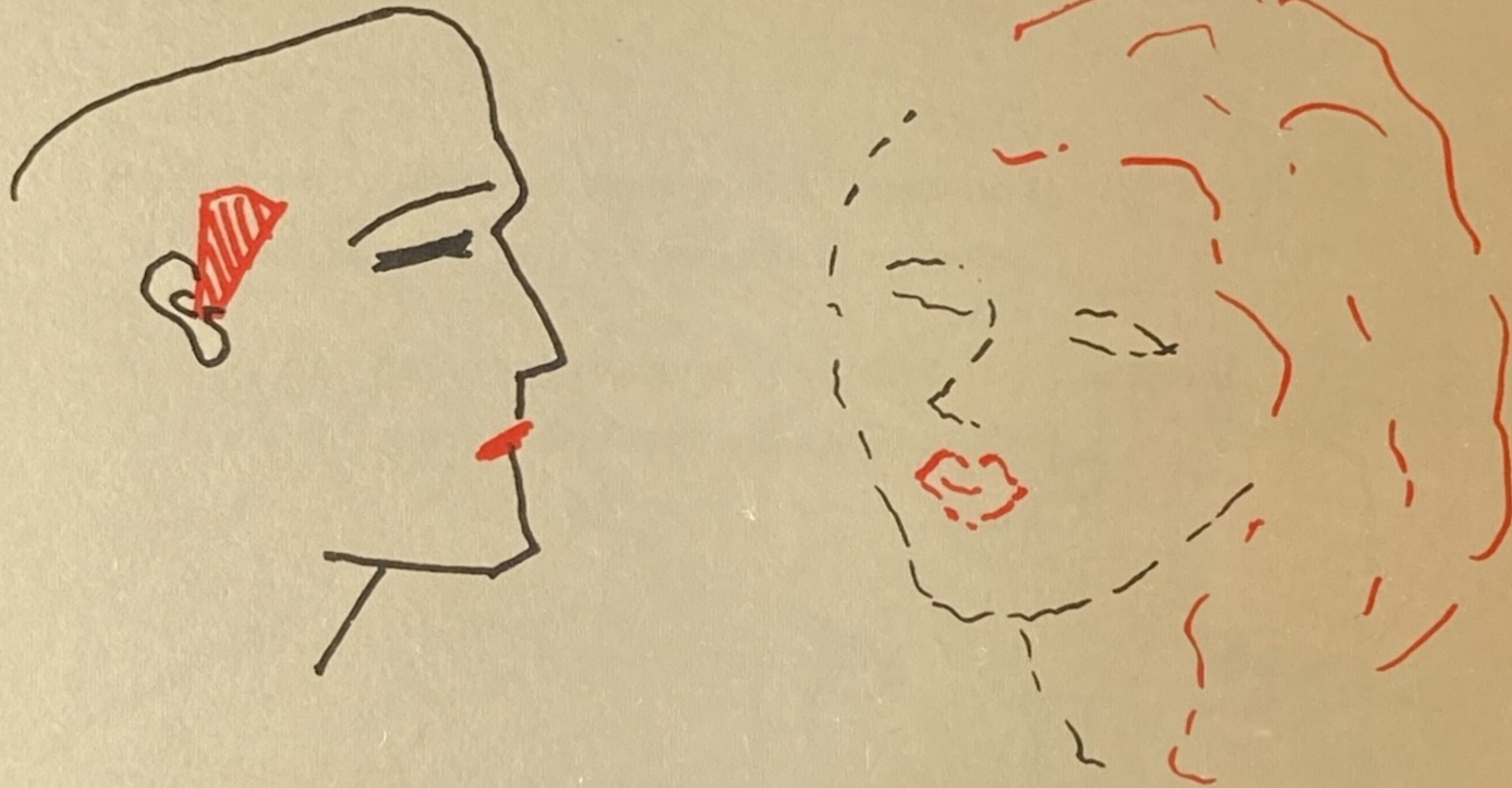
S 5 [illegible] : : If you want to know something I know which is new to you, you must learn to hear my language. (4)

(4) And stop complaining, I can't help it.



S 6 : : You can't tell a man something he doesn't understand and expect him to make use of it.

S 6 [illegible] : : The only knowledge which can be had for its own sake is of measure zero in a free world.

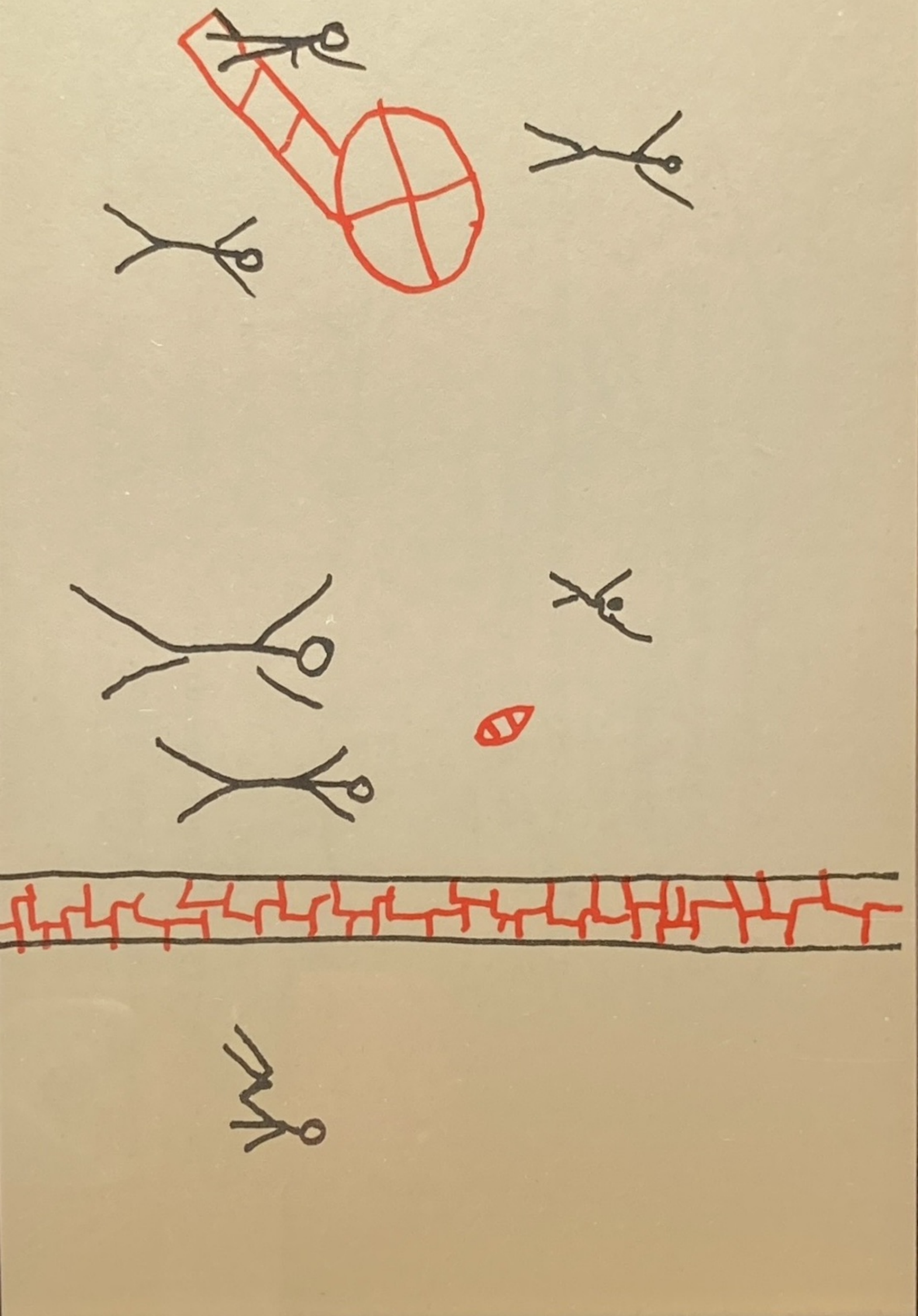


S 7 : : If you never tell your wife anything, you will disappear. (5)

S 7 Q : : If you never listen to what your wife says, she will disappear. (6)

(5) In her space.

(6) In your space.



S 8 : : To be ignored is not to be.

S 8 Own : : If nobody can see you, then you are not there.

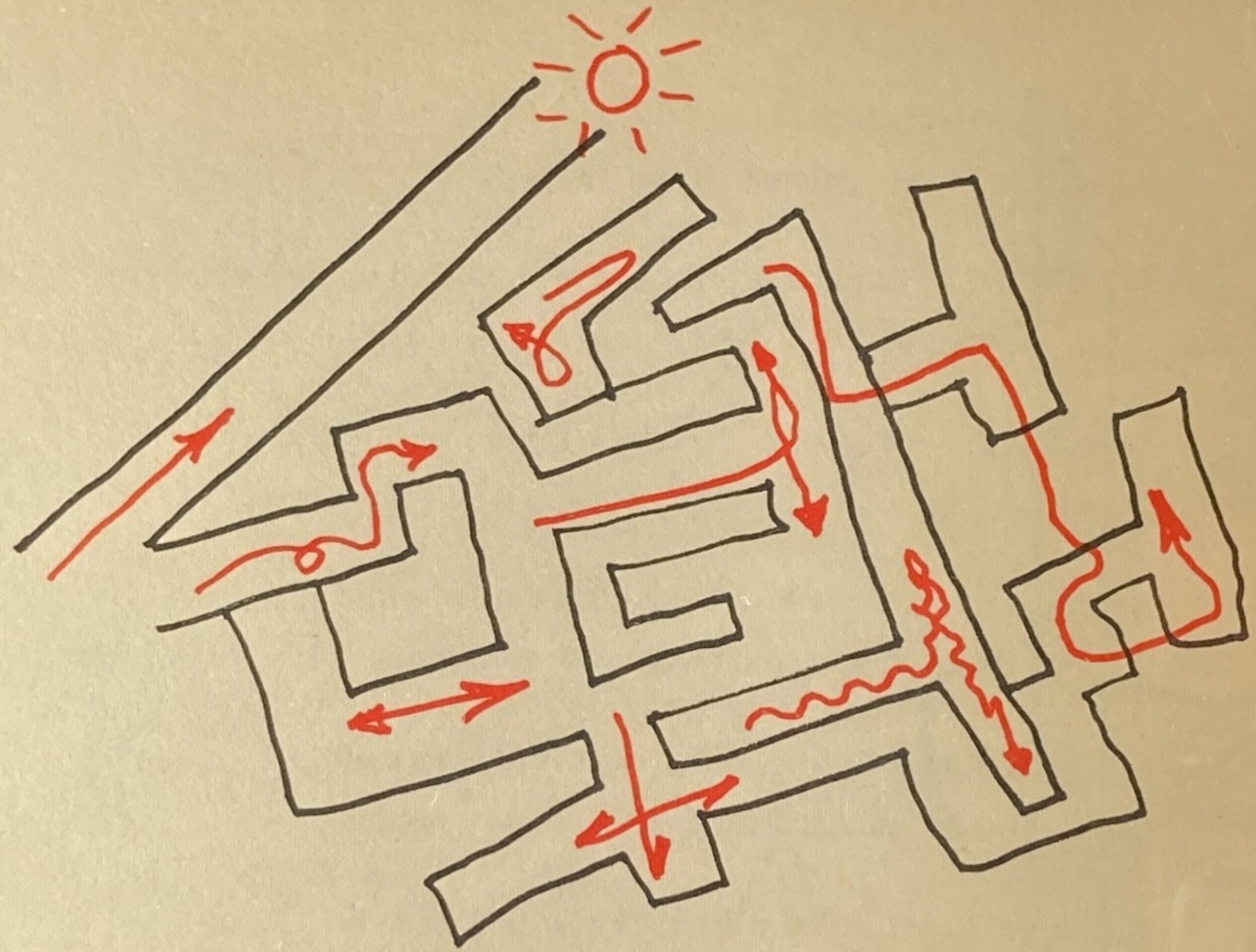
S 8 Own : : If you completely ignore the world you live in, then it will disappear. (7)

S 8 Own : : If the world you live in completely ignores you, then you will disappear. (8)

(7) And so will you relative to consciousness.

(8) And so will it relative to consciousness.

Author's Note: Even a kick in the tail can be reassuring.



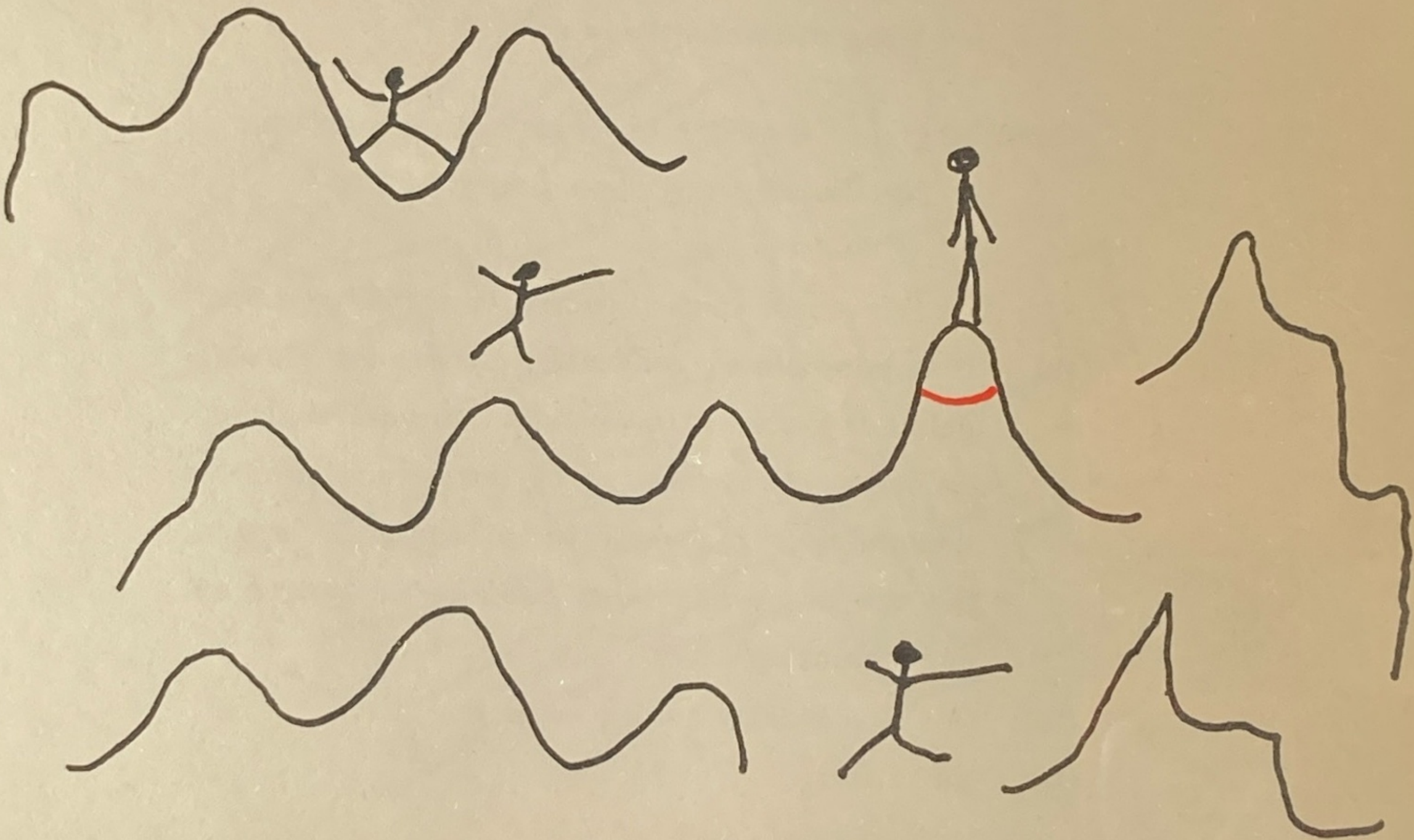
S 9 : : The probability of acting intelligently and lying consistently is zero.

Corollary: : In order to achieve maximum stupidity, lie at every opportunity. (9)

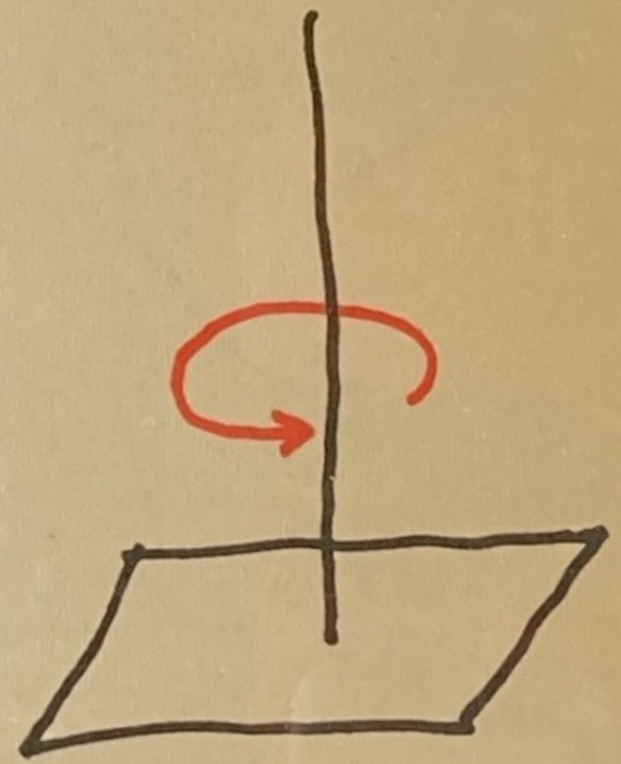
(9) It is possible to generate a hyper-complex algebra of mutually independent geometrical partitions each consisting of irrelevancies about the others. This should be called a "LIE" space, but the name has been used (with a different pronunciation). (10)

(10) (9) is a locally humorous point. (11)

(11) so is (10)



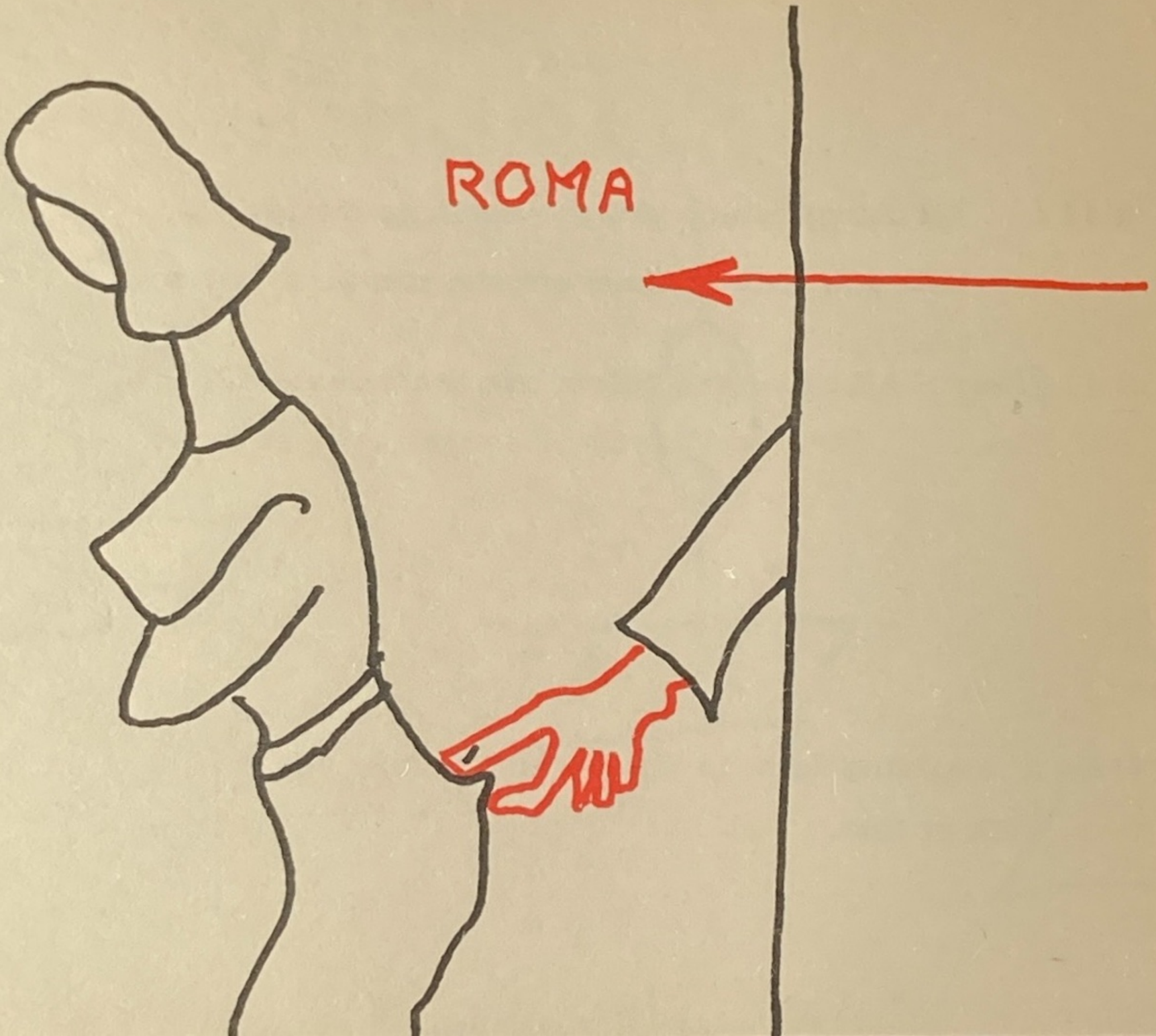
S 10 : : You can't control your territory if you don't stake it out.



S 11 : : All things which are the same no matter how you look at them are the same.

S 11 [illegible]: : All revolving idiots are the same. (12)

(12) A revolving idiot is one no matter how you look at him.


ROMA

S 12 : : When in Rome, if you do not do at least one thing done in Rome, then you are not in Rome. (13)

S 12 [illegible] : : To be on earth you must have at least one foot on the ground.

(13) Merely in a LIE partition.

S 13 : : If everyone has equal rights to his own differing opinion, then no two have a valid opinion about the same thing, or all are worthless.

Corollary: : There is at most one God.

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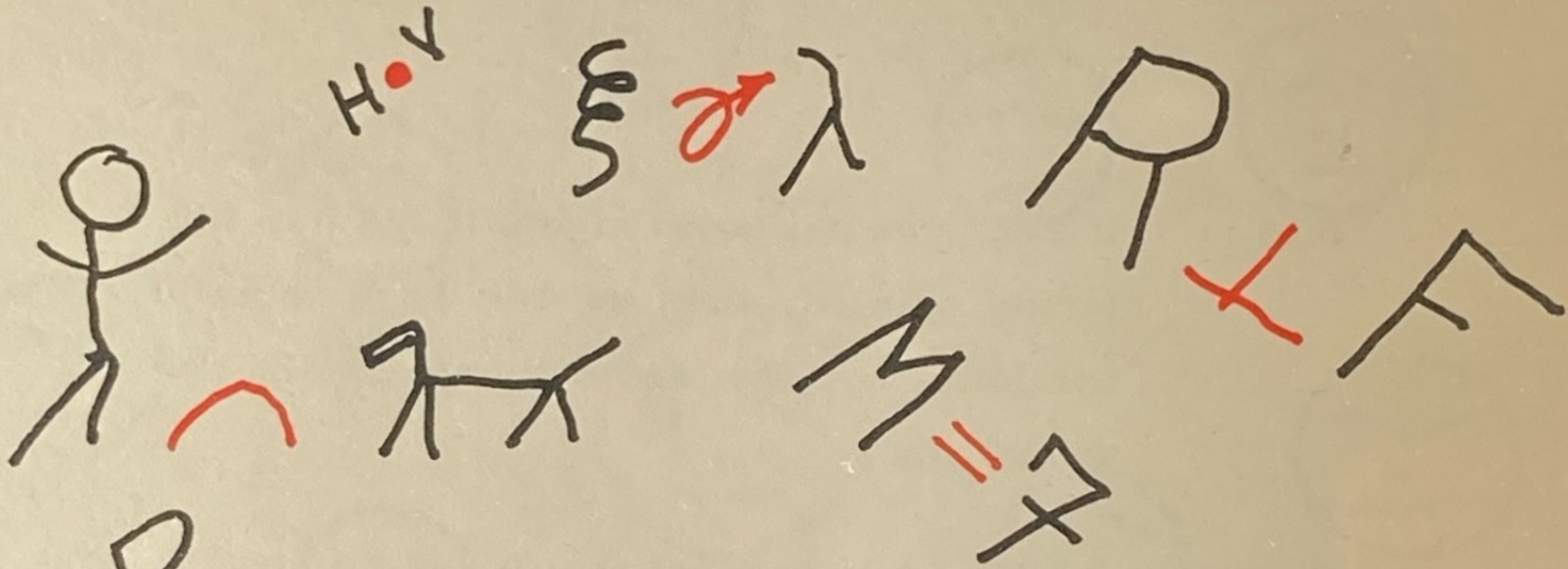

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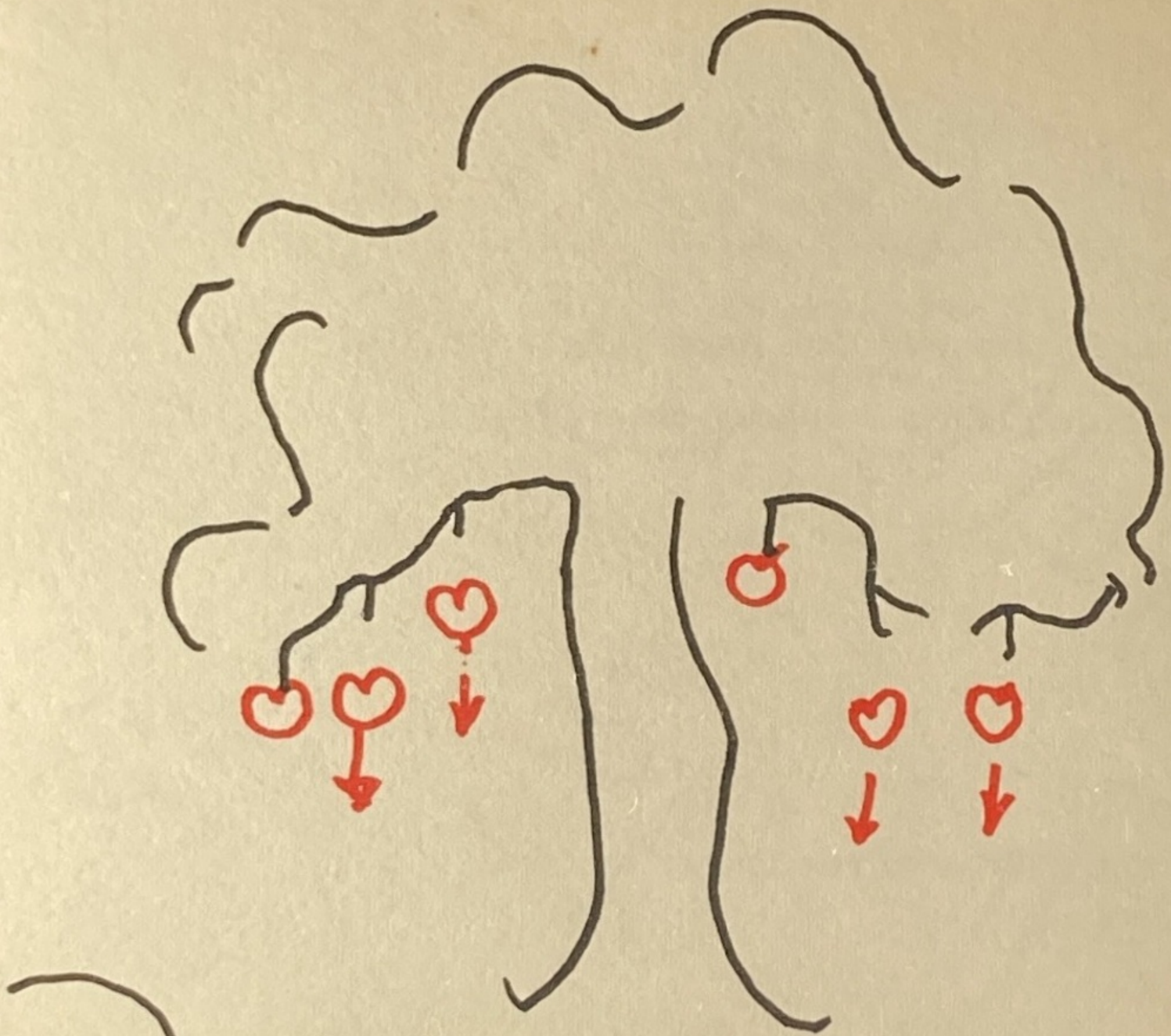
S 14 : : You will observe the most likely kind of event more often than any other. (14)

(14) But you don't have to recognize it.



S 15 : : A natural phenomenon becomes easier to recognize with each experiment intended to exhibit it.

Corollary : : It's easier to see something if you know what you're looking for.

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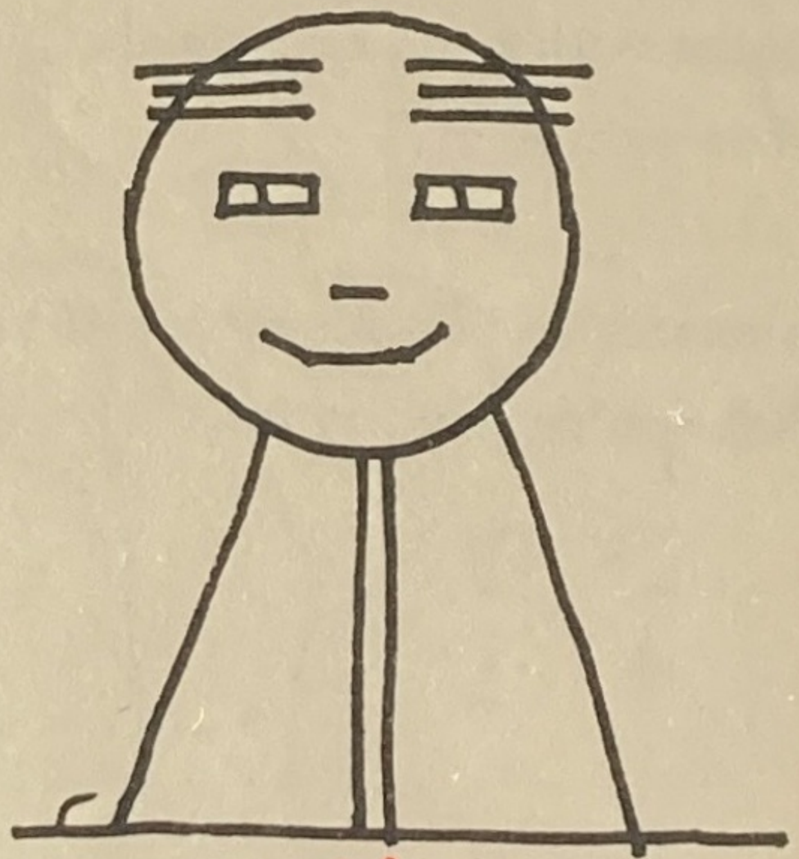

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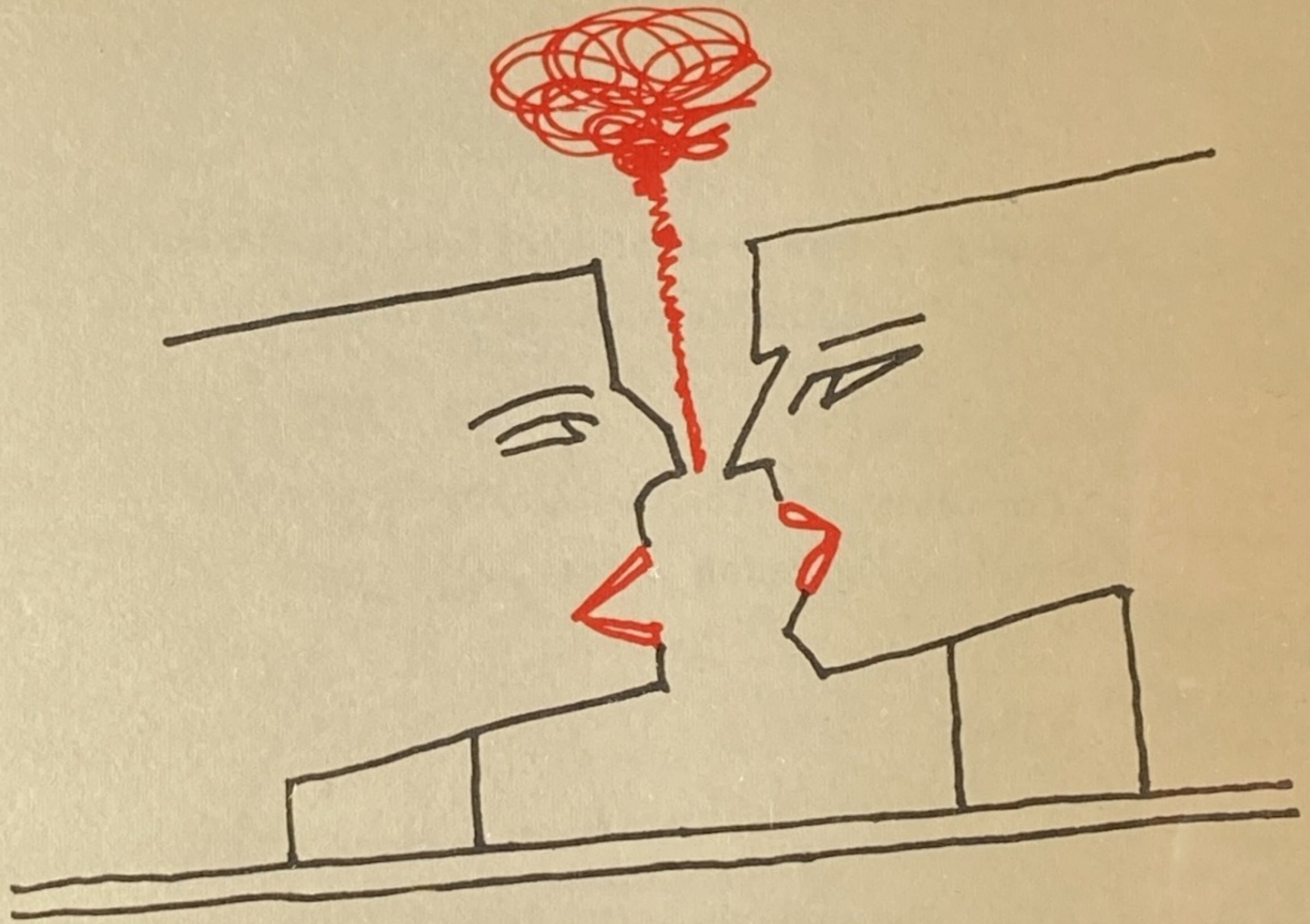
S 16 : : The probability of learning something from someone who only agrees with you is zero. (15)

Corollary: : The probability of teaching a dictator anything is zero. (16)

(15) But you can accomplish a lot.

(16) Being in closure.

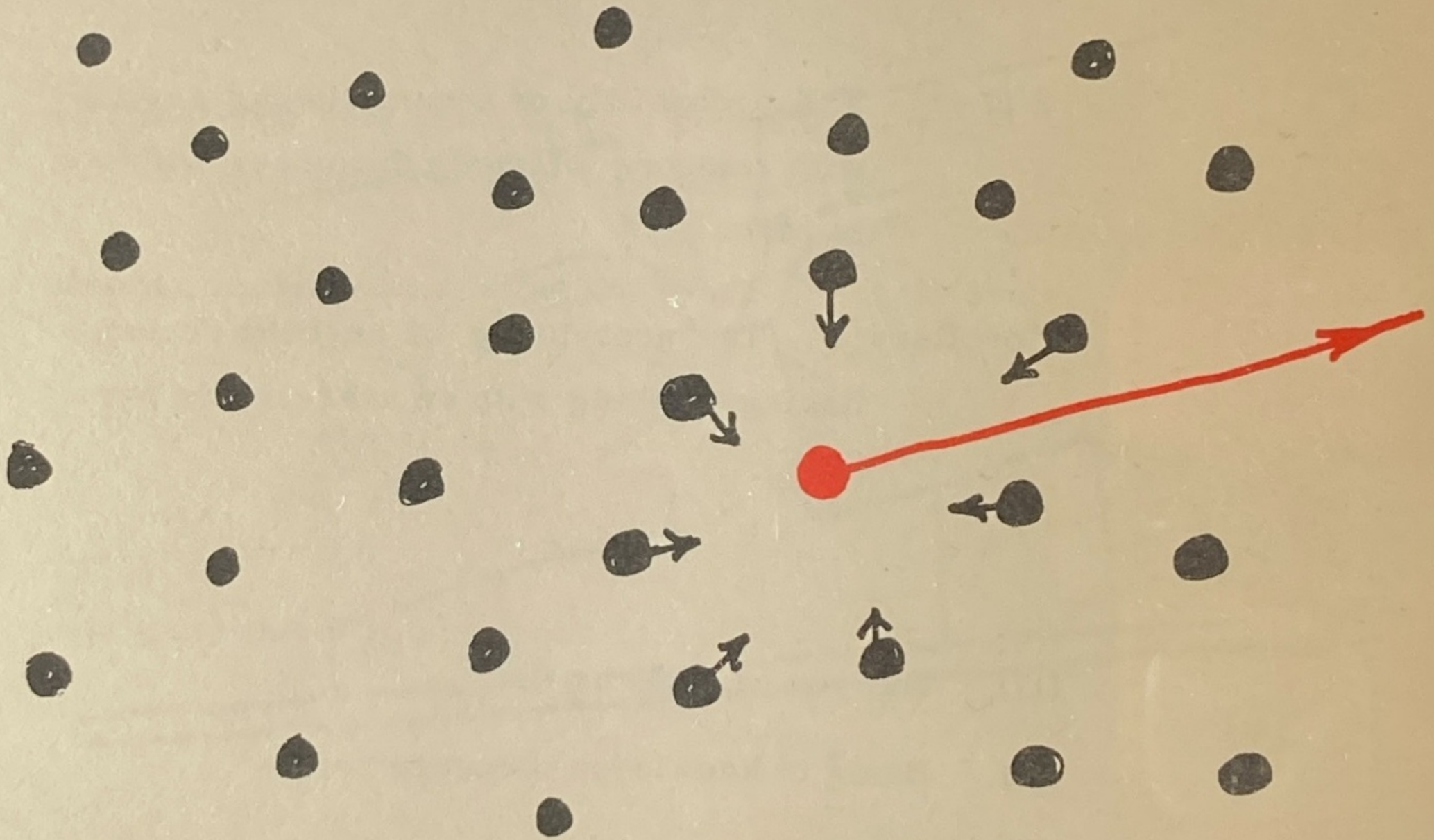


S 17 : : The probability of accomplishing anything with someone who only disagrees with you is zero. (17)

Corollary: : The probability of anybody accomplishing anything with an anarchist is zero. (18)

(17) But you can learn a lot.

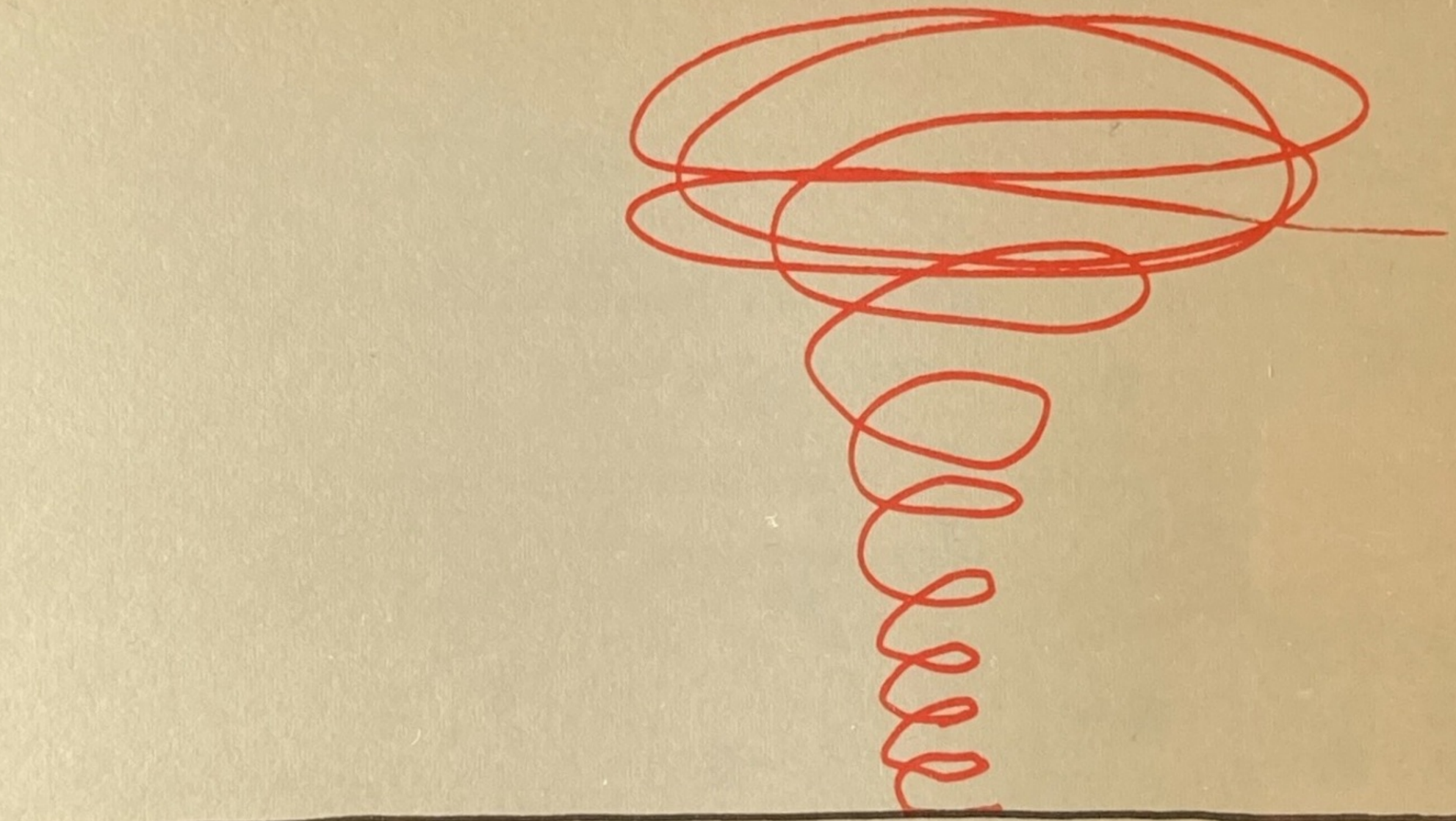
(18) Being of knowledge measure zero.



S 18 : : If there is a difference, then there will be a force tending to remove it. (19)

Corollary: : There is nothing so peaceful as a well tended cemetery.

(19) This is a formal statement of the keeping-up-with-the-Jones' condition.



S 19 : : Every experiment turns out right. (20)

(20) But not necessarily the way you wanted it to. (21)

(21) Nor do you have to understand it.

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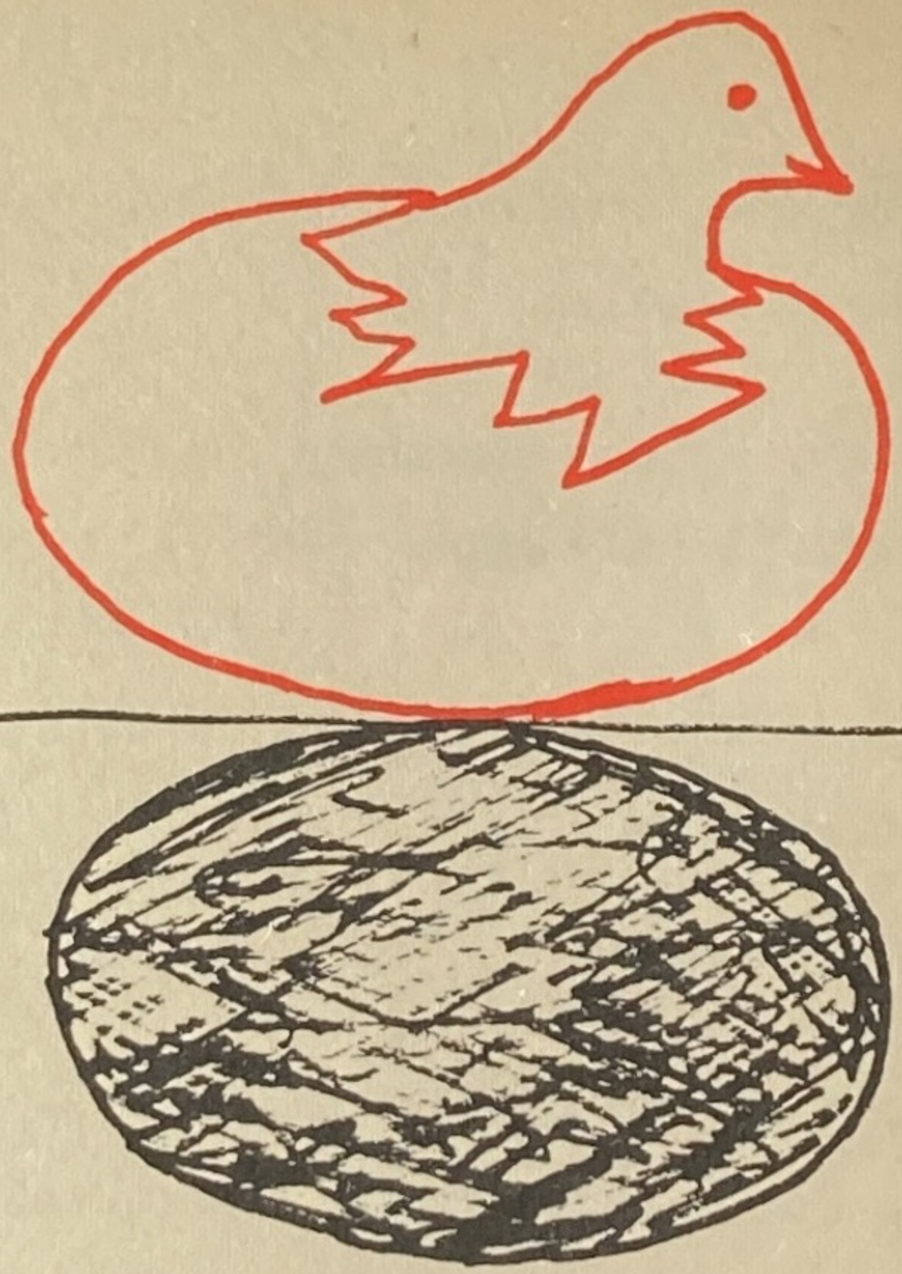
S 20 : : If everyone misunderstands you, then you don't really exist. (22)

S 20 [illegible] : : If you misunderstand everyone, then they don't really exist. (23)

(22) And neither do they.

(23) And neither do you.

Author's Remark: : This really has to do with rotating operators between orthogonal partitions, thus it might be said that the probability of misunderstanding between rotating operators is one.



S 21 : : The probability of predicting exactly a coming event from its shadow before is zero.

Corollary: : The probability of being wrong in at least one respect about anything is one.

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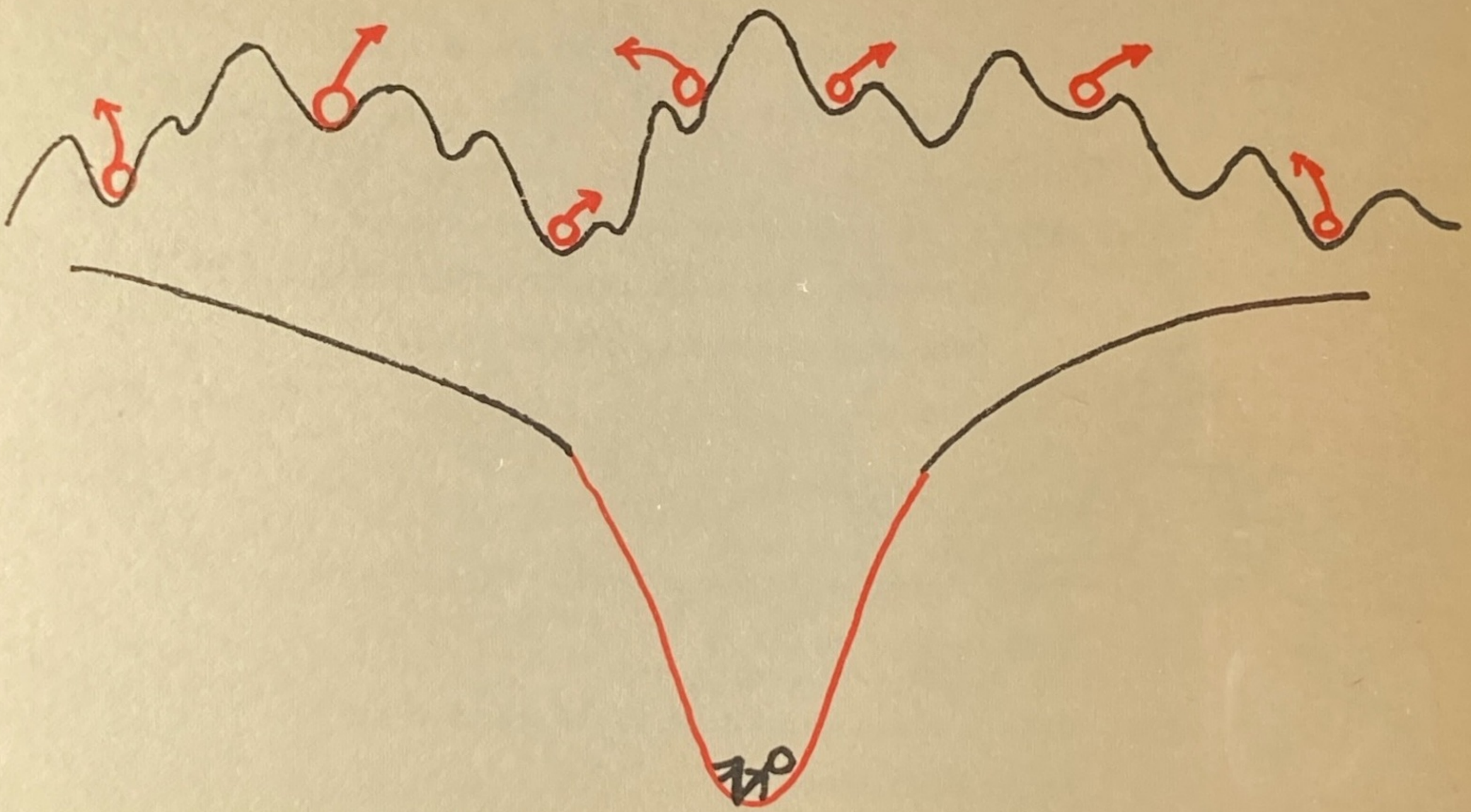
S 22 : : A continuously anticipated event never arrives. (24)

Corollary : : An impatiently waiting wife generates a continuously anticipated husband event (who then obviously never arrives).

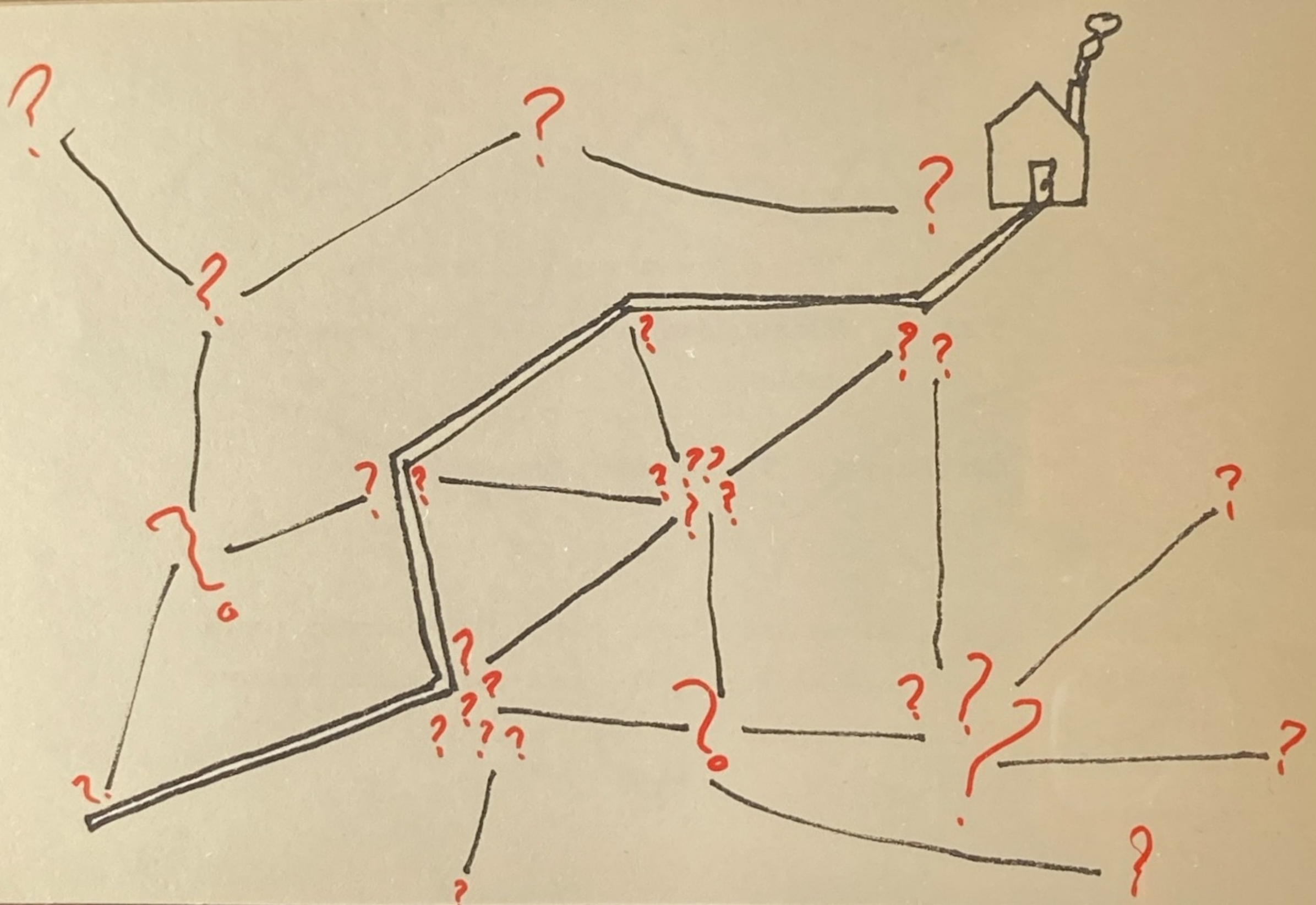
(24) Until it does and then it doesn't take so long. (25)

(25) This is the general case of the watched pot never boils theorem.



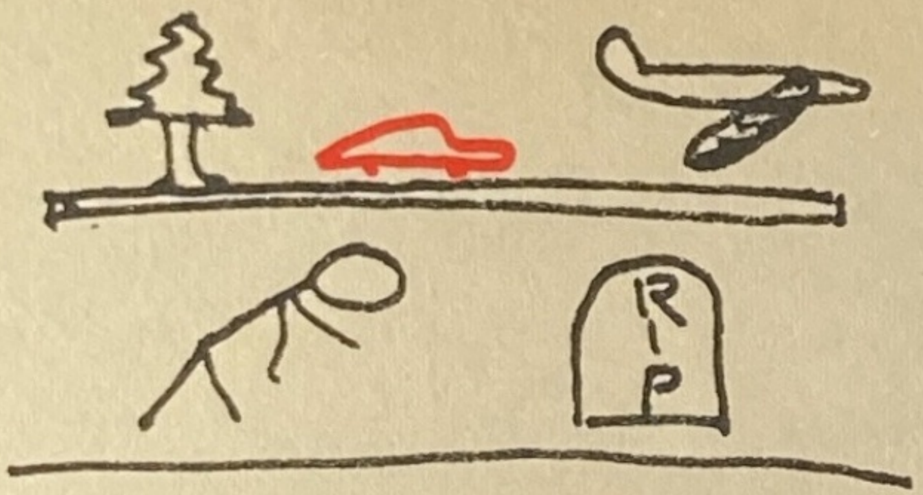
S 23 : : Meaningless societies are indefinitely stable.

Corollary: : The stupider, the stubborner.



S 24 : : The shortest road home is the way you know best. (26)

(26) Alimentary logic states the theorem for a special case, "The shortest road to a man's heart is through his stomach".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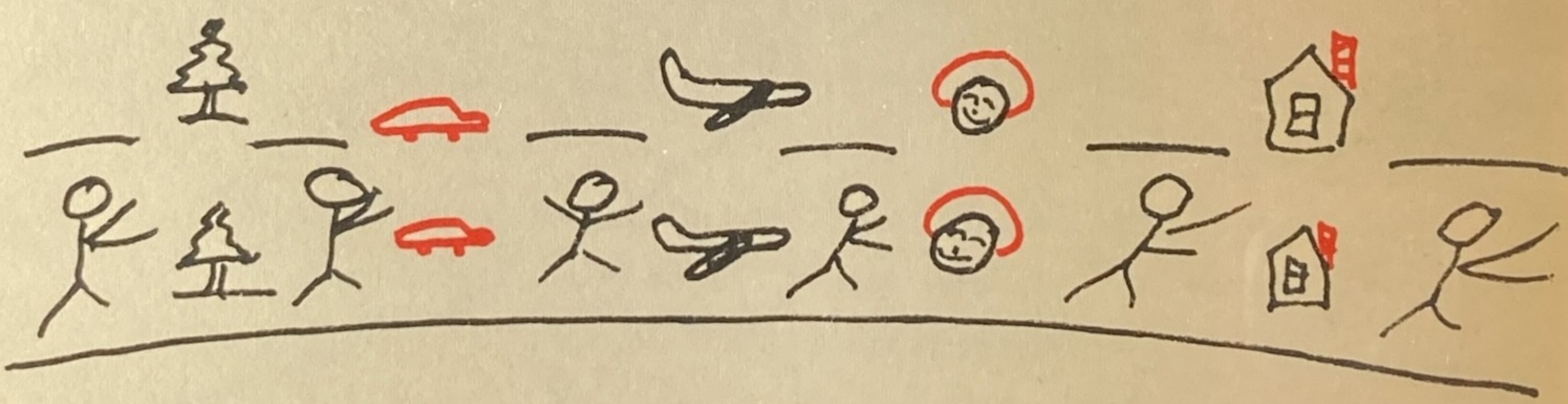
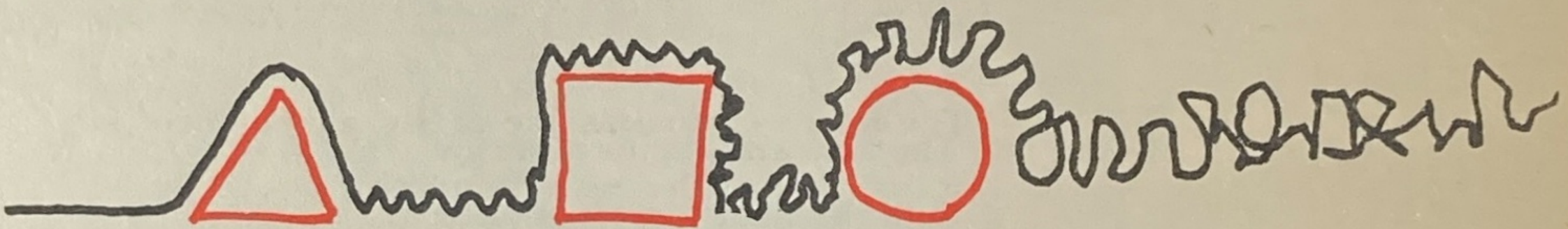
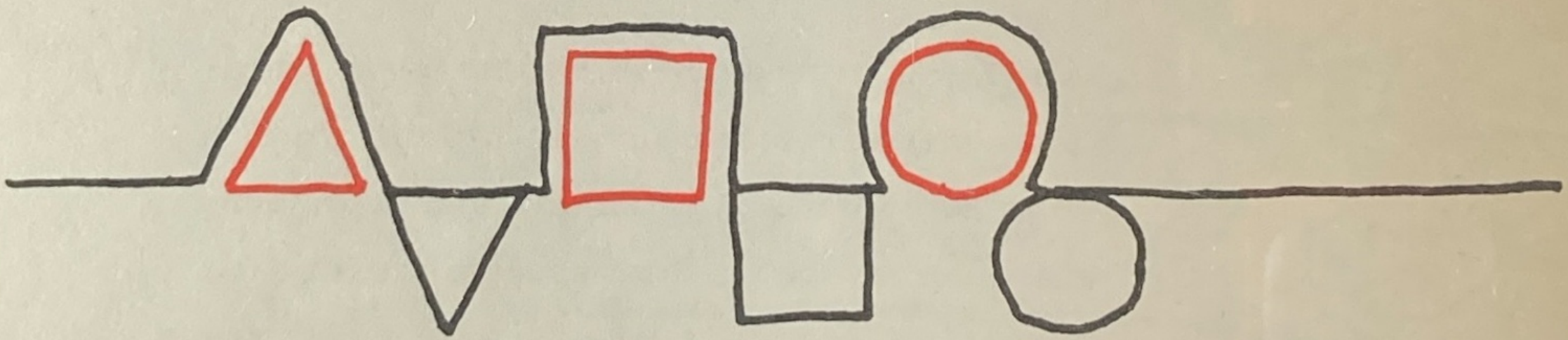


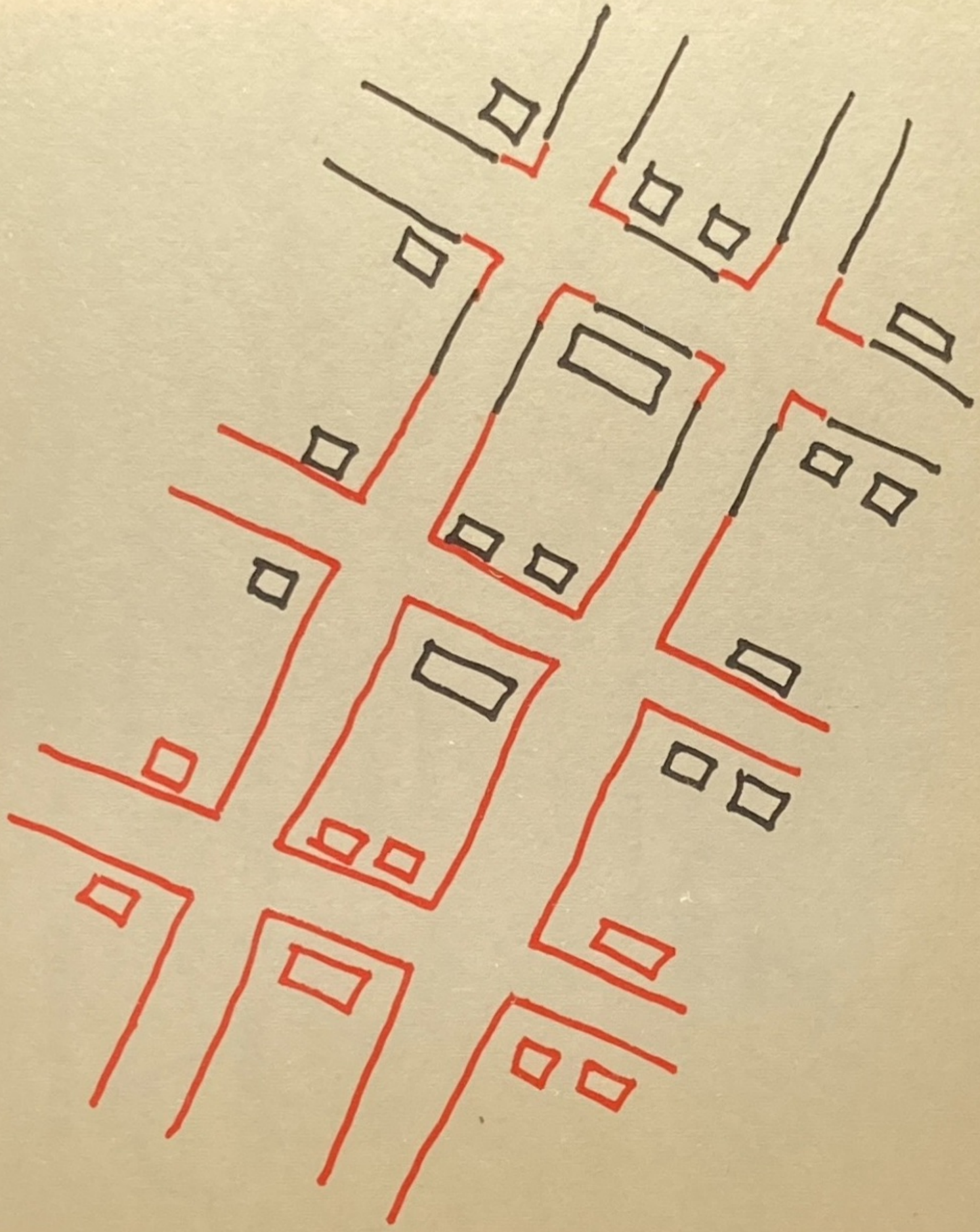
S 25 : : The man who learns as he goes, lives longer than the man who does not.



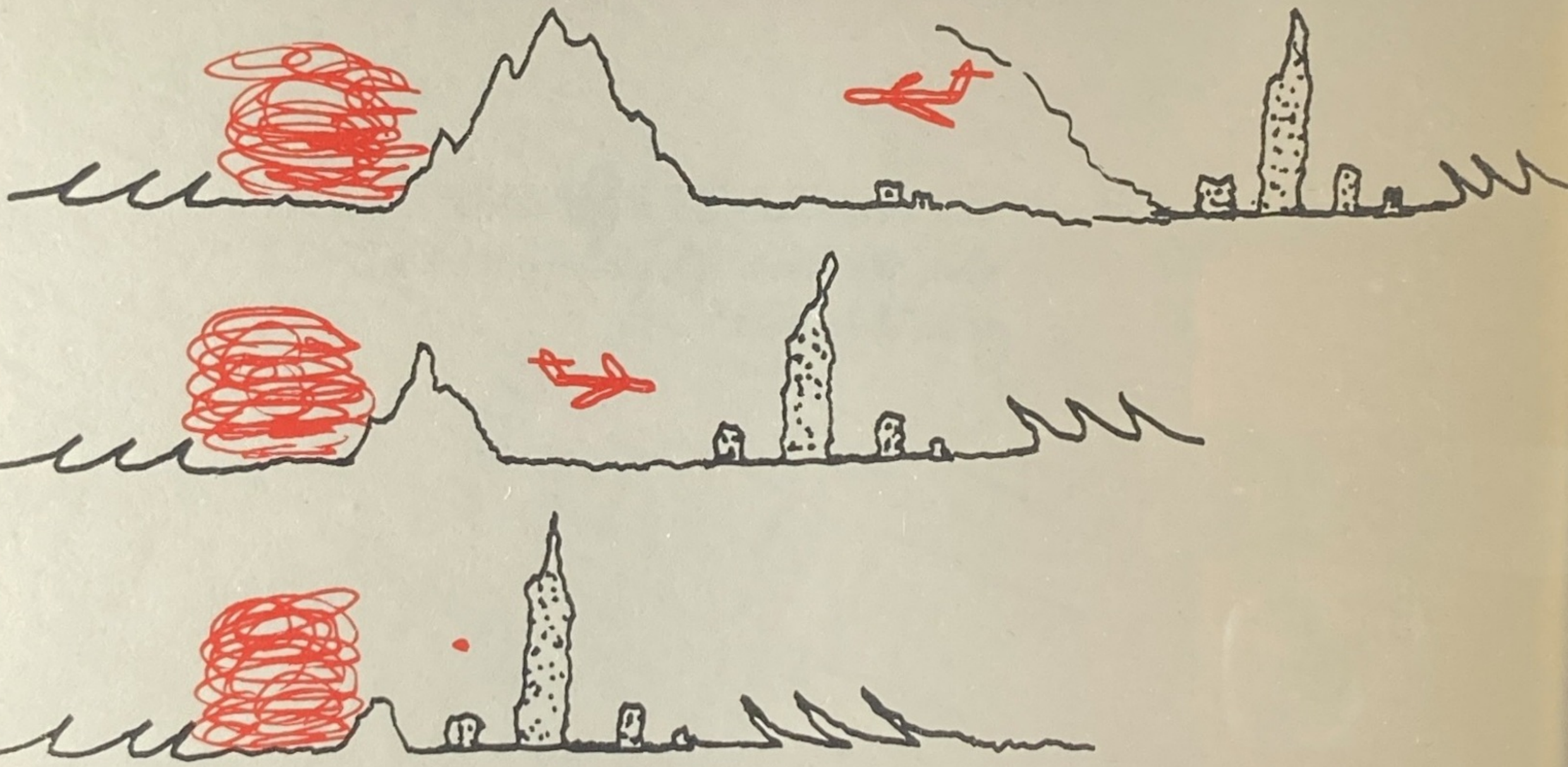


S 26 : : The man who makes use of his experience stays young; the man who does not make use of his experience grows older with each one.(27)

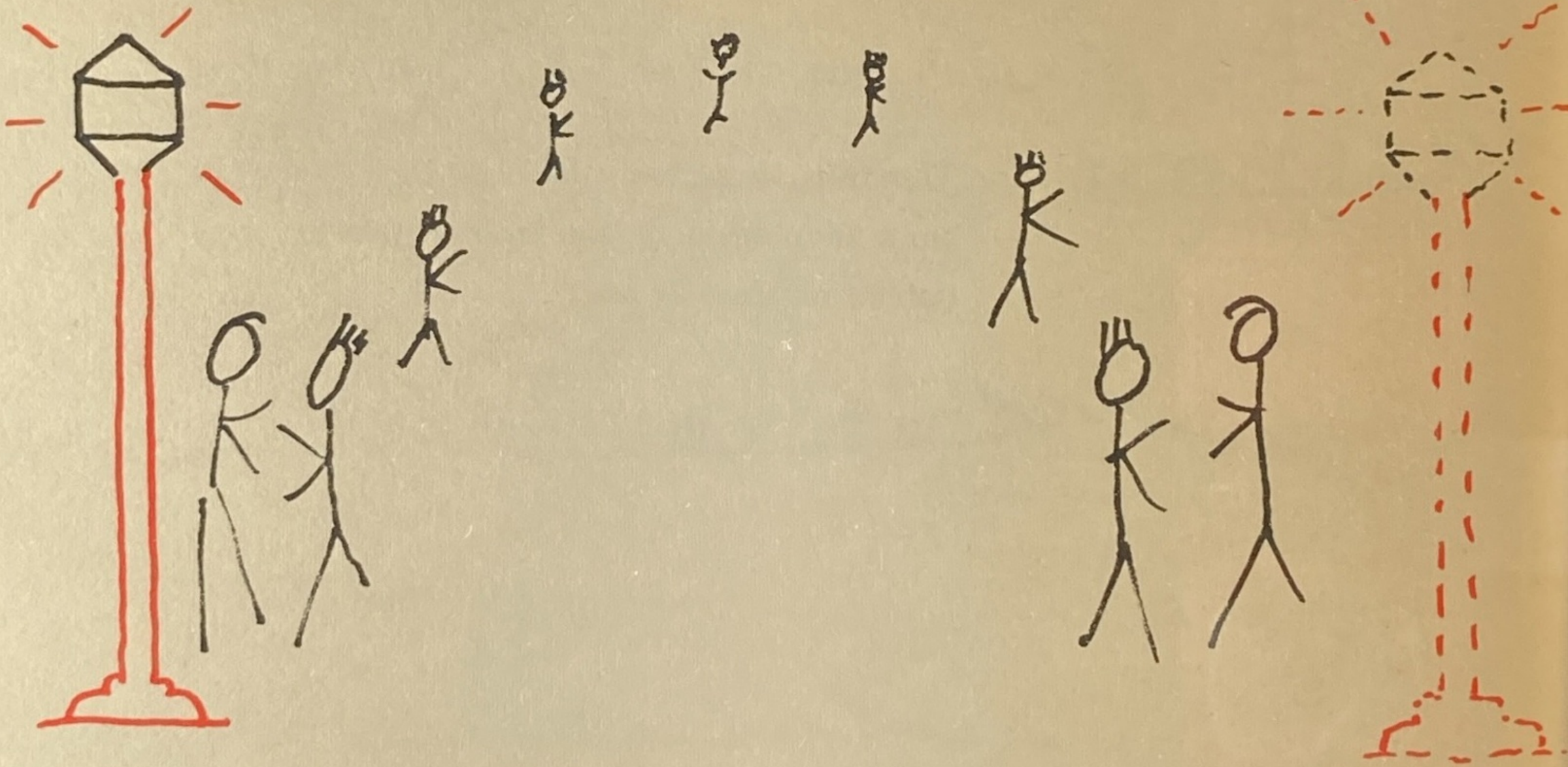
(27) The measure of living is the number of learning experiences encountered, while creation of knowledge (use) of the experience returns the information to its source, causing no "aging". Length of life and age in living are different measures.



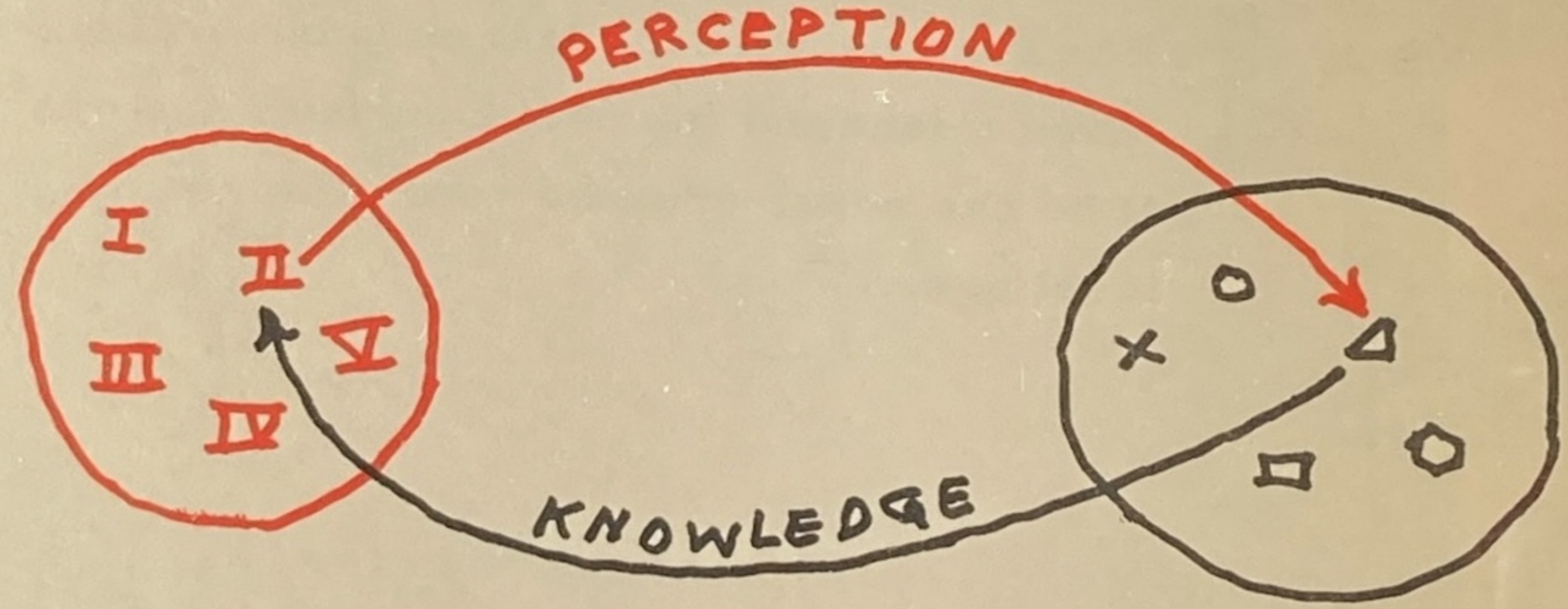
S 27 : : The new town has many corners, the old town has many streets, and the home town is an open field.



S 28 : : The trip to a new place is long, the trip back shorter, and the habitual journey requires no time at all.



S 29 : : The time between the last encounter with a given friend and the next encounter is zero if he has never crossed your mind between meetings.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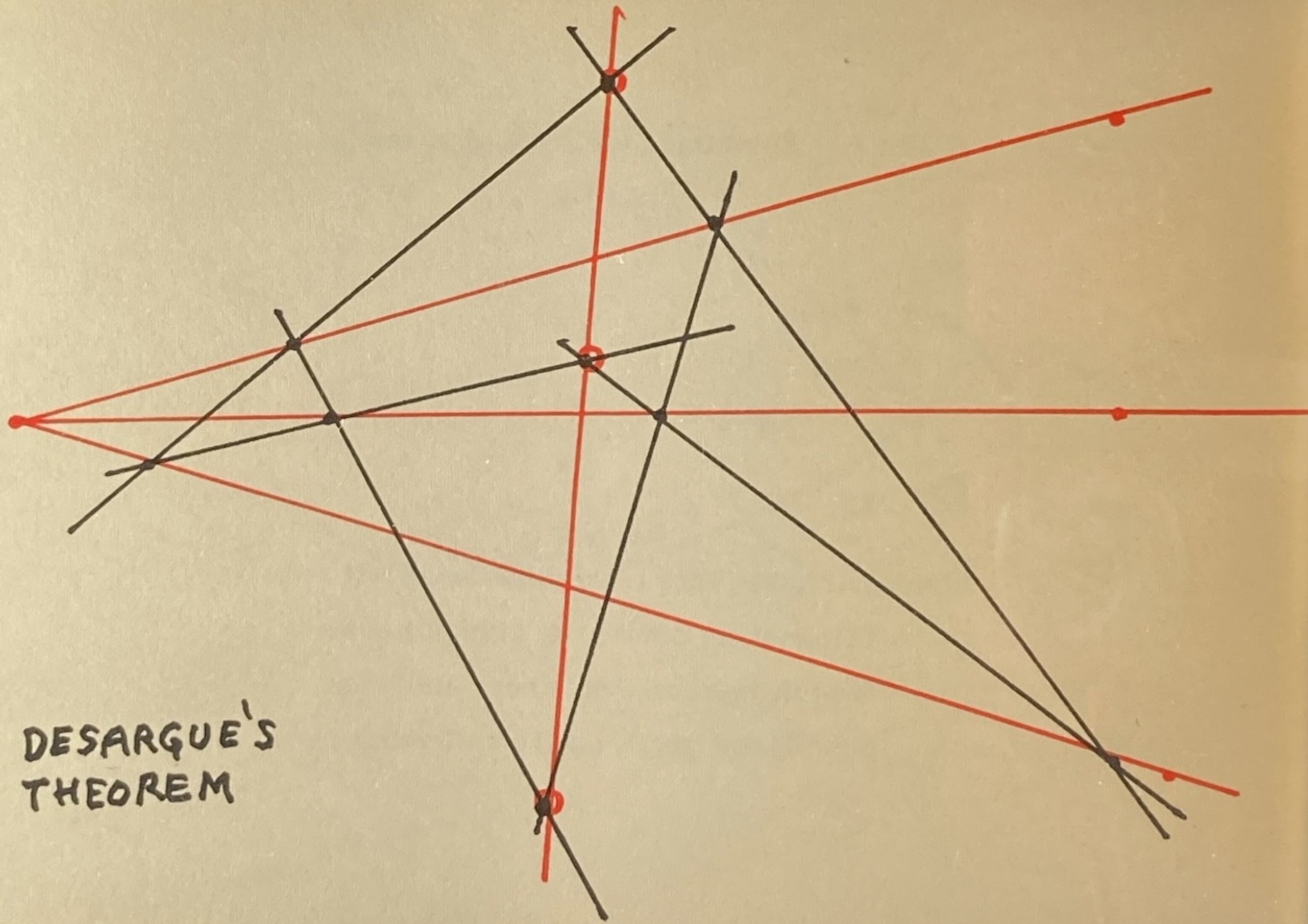
KNOWLEDGE

S 30 : : Anything I understand is trivial.

Author's Note: This really has to do with the information content of things known (which is zero), but there are other conditions given on the following pages.



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S 31 : : Anything I think I can prove given sufficient time is obvious. (28)

(28) And anything about which I understand nothing but the fact that a friend of mine is working on it is profound.